In accordance with the City Charter, Albany is divided into (15) Wards. Each Ward is represented on the City’s Common Council by an elected member.

The Common Council serves as the legislative branch of Albany government. Each Common Council Member represents the legislative and political interests of the residents within their Ward, and is authorized to introduce, consider, or report local laws and rules, to initiate and legislate upon ordinances to protect, promote, and advance the interests of residents within their Ward.

Ward boundaries are reviewed every ten years, in coordination with demographic information from the latest U.S. Decennial Census. Redistricting represents one of the most important undertakings of our democracy. Currently, these Ward boundaries have been adjusted to best represent protected groups and communities of interest, based on evidence from the last U.S. Decennial Census.

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